

HOUSE BILL 1679

By Eldridge

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 68-57-102, relative to qualifications of surgical technologists.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 68-57-102, is amended by deleting subsection (a) in its entirety and by substituting instead the following:

(a) In addition to individuals identified in § 68-57-101, a person may be employed upon providing sufficient evidence that, prior to the effective date of this act, the person was at any time employed as a surgical technologist for not less than eighteen (18) months in the three (3) years preceding the effective date of this act in a hospital, medical office, surgery center, or an accredited school of surgical technology, as defined by this chapter. An individual who has begun the appropriate training to be a surgical technologist as defined by this act, prior to the effective date of this act, shall be eligible for employment as a surgical technologist provided that such training is completed within three (3) years of the effective date of this act.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.